

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Withdrawn-Amended) A method for preparing cappuccino wherein at least one
2 coffee pad filled with ground coffee and an instant and/or liquid creamer are utilized, the method
3 further comprising the following method steps:

4 providing a holder to receive the coffee pad, at least one nozzle in fluid
5 communication with the holder, a first buffer reservoir having a bottom wall and upstanding
6 sidewalls, and a second buffer reservoir having a bottom wall and upstanding sidewalls; [[-]]
7 inserting, but not connecting, the first buffer reservoir at least partially into the
8 second buffer reservoir;

9 supplying hot water is forced under pressure through the coffee pad for obtaining
10 coffee extract; [[-]]

11 feeding the coffee extract is fed under pressure to the at least one nozzle for
12 obtaining a coffee extract jet[[,]] ;

13 aiming the coffee extract jet is aimed at [[a]] the first buffer reservoir, which is
14 already filled with the creamer, so that in the first buffer reservoir to form the cappuccino is
15 formed in the first buffer reservoir; and

16 discharging the cappuccino is discharged from the first buffer reservoir;

17 readily removing the second buffer reservoir from the first buffer reservoir;

18 reinserting, but not connecting, the first buffer reservoir at least partially into the
19 second buffer reservoir.

1 2. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the cappuccino flowing
2 from the first buffer reservoir is supplied to an impact surface while, after the cappuccino has
3 flowed onto the impact surface, the cappuccino is discharged for consumption.

1 3. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 2, wherein the impact surface is
2 formed by a bottom of a second buffer reservoir which is also filled with the cappuccino, while
3 the cappuccino is discharged from the second buffer reservoir for consumption.

1 4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for the preparation of a cappuccino from a
2 coffee extract and an instant and/or liquid creamer, the apparatus comprising:
3 a holder with an inlet and an outlet wherein, in use, the holder is filled with
4 ground coffee,
5 a hot water supply unit for supplying hot water under pressure to the inlet of the
6 holder so that the hot water is forced through the ground coffee for obtaining a the coffee extract,
7 at least one nozzle which is in fluid communication with the outlet for generating
8 a coffee extract jet, and
9 a first buffer reservoir which, in use, is filled with ~~an instant and/or liquid~~ the
10 creamer,
11 a second buffer reservoir having a bottom and upstanding sidewalls,
12 wherein the first buffer reservoir being is positioned at least partially in the second
13 buffer reservoir relative to the at least one nozzle such that the coffee extract jet spouts into the
14 first buffer reservoir so that the cappuccino is formed, ~~the first buffer reservoir being provided~~
15 ~~with at least one first outflow path for discharging the cappuccino from the first buffer reservoir,~~
16 ~~an impact surface positioned relative to the first buffer reservoir such that the~~
17 ~~cappuccino flowing from the buffer reservoir impacts onto the impact surface before leaving the~~
18 ~~apparatus,~~
19 wherein the first buffer reservoir is not permanently connected to the second
20 buffer reservoir and is readily removable from, and replaceable in, the ~~apparatus~~ the second
21 buffer reservoir as a separate unit.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the first buffer
2 reservoir includes at least one first outflow path for discharging the cappuccino from the first
3 buffer reservoir, and the second buffer reservoir includes an ~~the~~ impact surface ~~forms part of a~~
4 ~~second buffer reservoir provided with~~ and at least one second outflow path for discharging the
5 cappuccino from the second buffer reservoir for consumption.

1 6. (Cancelled)

1 7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the first
2 buffer reservoir is placed above the second buffer reservoir.

1 8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the first
2 buffer reservoir has a bottom which is smaller than a bottom of the second buffer reservoir.

1 9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the first
2 buffer reservoir is formed by an opened disposable cup filled with the creamer or a refillable
3 holder which is filled with the creamer.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the first
2 outflow path comprises an opening in a bottom of the first buffer reservoir.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the
2 disposable container or the refillable holder is arranged to be positioned on top of the second
3 buffer reservoir such that the first outflow path terminates in the second buffer reservoir.

1 12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the holder is
2 designed to be filled with a coffee pad.

1 13. (Previously Presented) A disposable cup of the assembly according to claim 11.

1 14. (Previously Presented) A refillable holder of the assembly according to claim 11.

1 15. (New) An apparatus for the preparation of a beverage from a coffee extract and a
2 creamer, the apparatus comprising:
3 a holder having an inlet and an outlet wherein, in use, the holder contains ground
4 coffee,
5 a hot water supply unit configured to supply hot water under pressure to the inlet
6 of the holder so that the hot water is forced through the ground coffee to obtain the coffee extract,
7 at least one nozzle in fluid communication with the outlet of the holder and
8 configured to generate a coffee extract jet, and
9 a first buffer reservoir having a bottom wall and upstanding sidewalls wherein, the
10 first buffer reservoir in use, is filled with the creamer and receives the coffee extract jet,
11 a second buffer reservoir having a bottom wall and upstanding sidewalls,
12 wherein the first buffer reservoir is positioned at least partially in, without being
13 connected to, the second buffer reservoir and is readily removable from the second buffer
14 reservoir as a separate unit.

1 16. (New) An apparatus for the preparation of a beverage from a coffee extract and a
2 creamer, the apparatus comprising:
3 a holder having an inlet and an outlet wherein, in use, the holder contains ground
4 coffee,
5 a hot water supply unit configured to supply hot water under pressure to the inlet
6 of the holder so that the hot water is forced through the ground coffee to obtain the coffee extract,
7 at least one nozzle in fluid communication with the outlet of the holder and
8 configured to generate a coffee extract jet, and
9 a first buffer reservoir having a convex bottom wall and upstanding sidewalls
10 wherein, the first buffer reservoir in use, is filled with the creamer and receives the coffee extract
11 jet,
12 a second buffer reservoir having an angled bottom wall and upstanding sidewalls,
13 the angled bottom having an upper end and a lower end, the lower end having at least one
14 outflow in communication with the first buffer reservoir,
15 wherein the first buffer reservoir is positioned at least partially in the second
16 buffer reservoir below the at least one nozzle and is readily removable from, and replaceable in,
17 the second buffer reservoir as a separate unit.

1 17. (New) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the first buffer reservoir rests
2 on a bottom of the second buffer reservoir.

1 18. (New) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the first buffer reservoir is
2 clampingly received between the upstanding sidewalls of the second buffer reservoir at a distance
3 above the bottom of the second buffer reservoir.